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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WINTER SEASON SCHEDULES APPROVED,  
EXCEPT FOR CARGO

REF: STATE 309210

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1. IN NOTE VERBALE DELIVERED DECEMBER 21 (NO. 079/21619  
DATED DEC 15), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) NOTED THAT  
CIVILAVIA HAD APPROVED WINTER SCHEDULES, EXCEPT SOME ASPECTS  
SEABOARD, TWA AND PAN AM CARGO OPERATIONS. TEXT OF NOTE  
(EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION) AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN REFERENCE TO EMBASSY'S NOTE  
VERBALE NO. 687 OF NOV 29, 1976, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT  
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR CIVIL  
AVIATION, HAS APPROVED THE PLANNED SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR  
THE 1976/77 WINTER SEASON OF THE PAN AMERICAN, TWA AND SEA-  
BOARD COMPANIES EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE  
U.S.-ITALY CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM SIGNED IN ROME ON JUNE  
22, 1970. WITH RESPECT TO ALL-CARGO SERVICES, IT IS CLEAR  
THAT SUCH APPROVAL DOES NOT (RPT NOT) INCLUDE, FOR THE REASONS  
PRESENTED WITH NOTES VERBALE NO. 079/15067 OF AUG 28, 1976,  
AND NO. 079/15690 OF SEP 11, 1976, NEITHER THE CHANGE OF  
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AIRCRAFT FROM B.747 TO DC.8 AT FRANKFURT IN THE SEABOARD SER-  
VICES, NOR THE PROGRAM OF SCHEDULED FLIGHTS BY TWA AND PAN  
AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND PRECISELY TW.601 OF SUNDAYS AND TW.615  
OF THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, AND PA.161 OF THURSDAY AND PA.169  
OF SUNDAY, BECAUSE THE OPERATION OF THE SUBJECT FLIGHTS IS  
NOT IN ACCORD WITH THAT FORESEEN IN NOTE "A" OF THE U.S. ROUTE

CHART WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT "ALL-CARGO SERVICES MUST TERMINATE IN ITALY." COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT.

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2. ALL US CARRIERS, EXCEPT TWA, INFORMED OFFICIALLY BY CIVIL-AVIA OF DECISION. PAN AM WILL PROBABLY OPERATE FLIGHT ANYWAY, ALTHOUGH WELL AWARE THE GOI MAY REFUSE LANDING PERMISSION. CIVILAVIA DECISION, ACCORDING TO LOCAL TWA REP, COMPLETELY ELIMINATES ALL TWA ALL-CARGO SERVICES AND IS THUS UNACCEPTABLE. HE PLANS TO ASK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS OF TWA-NEW YORK AND BELIEVES THAT TWA WILL ATTEMPT TO OPERATE FLIGHTS ANYWAY. ALL CONCUR THAT GOI MOVE IS DESIGNED TO BRING PRESSURE PRIOR TO US-ITALY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT GOI OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLARIFY FURTHER RATIONALE FOR TERMINATION OF TWA ALL-CARGO SERVICES. QUICK REVIEW OF GOI NOTES VERBALE MENTIONED INDICATES THAT ORIGINAL GOI RESERVATION CONCERNED TWA COMBINED SERVICES, NOT ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS. WE PLAN TO REQUEST BY NOTE VERBALE CLARIFICATION OF GOI REASONING IN THIS CASE ON DEC 27 OR 28; IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS ON POINTS THAT COULD BE MADE, APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. RE PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FILINGS (REFTEL), SEABOARD REP INDICATED TO EMBOFF DEC 22 THAT SCHEDULES WOULD AGAIN REQUEST INTRODUCTION OF B-747-F AND CHANGE OF GAUGE AT FRANKFURT. TWA REP INFORMED EMBOFF DEC 23 THAT TWA HEADQUARTERS HAD INSTRUCTED HIM NOT TO FILE UNTIL SCHEDULE REVISIONS RECEIVED. EMBASSY PLANS TO FILE PRELIMINARY SCHEDULES DEC 29 OR AT LAT-  
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EST DEC 30. NEED FOR HAVING SCHEDULES IN HAND ASAP WEEK OF DEC 27 EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY TO ALL CARRIER REPS IN ROME BUT ADDITIONAL PUSH, SHOULD OPPORTUNITY PRESENT ITSELF, FROM DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WELCOMED. BEAUDRY

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